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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly cancel all original claims 1-234 and insert the following claims 235-271. All of the newly submitted claims are directed to binding assays for identifying compounds that specifically bind to a human T1R3 polypeptide or which modulate (enhance or inhibit) the binding of another compound that specifically binds T1R3. These compounds are potentially useful as taste modulators and as additives for use in foods, beverages and other ingestible compositions for human or animal consumption.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

A new Abstract of the Disclosure is submitted herewith attached as a separate page to this Preliminary Amendment.

A new Title is found on page 10 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.